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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "C"

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated October 12, 2005 in the above-referenced application, applicant is submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1,114 simultaneously herewith, together with a fee for said RCE and also a petition for extension of time to extend the time to respond to said Final Office Action by two months to January 12, 2006 as well as an extension fee therefor. The instant PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is being filed as the "submission" related to said RCE in which the application is amended as follows: